

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S315–S357

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2325–2328. **Pages S347–48**

House Messages:

Further Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 195, to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S316–44, S351–55**

Rejected:

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1905, to change the enactment date. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 15), Senate tabled the motion.) **Page S354**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1903 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the motion.) **Page S316**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S316**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1917 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill), of a perfecting nature. **Page S354**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1918, to change the enactment date. **Page S354**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1917 (to the

House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, January 22, 2018. **Page S354**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 14), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S351–52**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S352**

McConnell Amendment No. 1906 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1905), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1905 (listed above) was tabled. **Page S316**

McConnell Amendment No. 1907 (to Amendment No. 1906), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1906 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1905) (listed above) fell. **Page S316**

McConnell Amendment No. 1904 (to Amendment No. 1903), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1903 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S316**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Saturday, January 20, 2018. **Page S355**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.
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Messages from the House: **Page S346**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S349–51**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
 (Total—15) **Pages S352, S365**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018 and adjourned at 1:28 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018, until 12 noon on the same day. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S355.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security: Senators Blunt (Chair), Wicker, Cruz, Fischer,

Moran, Sullivan, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, Capito, Gardner, Young, Cantwell, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, Udall, Peters, Baldwin, Duckworth, Hassan, and Tester.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet: Senators Wicker (Chair), Blunt, Cruz, Fischer, Moran, Sullivan, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, Johnson, Capito, Gardner, Young, Schatz, Cantwell, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Markey, Udall, Peters, Baldwin, Duckworth, Hassan, Cortez Masto, and Tester.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security: Senators Moran (Chair), Blunt, Cruz, Fischer, Heller, Inhofe, Lee, Capito, Young, Blumenthal, Klobuchar, Markey, Udall, Duckworth, Hassan, and Cortez Masto.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard: Senators Sullivan (Chair), Wicker, Fischer, Inhofe, Lee, Johnson, Gardner, Young, Baldwin, Cantwell, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness: Senators Cruz (Chair), Moran, Sullivan, Lee, Johnson, Capito, Gardner, Markey, Schatz, Udall, Peters, Baldwin, and Hassan.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security: Senators Fischer (Chair), Wicker, Blunt, Heller, Inhofe, Johnson, Capito, Gardner, Young, Peters, Cantwell, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Udall, Baldwin, Duckworth, and Hassan.

Senators Thune and Nelson are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 4844–4870; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 126–127; H. Con. Res. 99; and H. Res. 705–707, were introduced. **Pages H581–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H583–84**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Mara Nathan, Temple Beth-El, San Antonio, Texas. **Page H557**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H557, H572**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Al Green (TX) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H559–60**

Question of Privilege: Representative Al Green (TX) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the McCarthy motion to table H. Res. 705, impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, of high misdemeanors, by a yea-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 66 nays with three answering “present”, Roll No. 35. **Pages H569–71**

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 4712, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion, by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 36. **Pages H560–69, H571**

H. Res. 694, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4712) was agreed to yesterday, January 18th.

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hoyer motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 1 aye to 418 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 37. **Pages H571–72**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018. **Page H581**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H570, H571, and H571–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:02 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

Committee Meetings

SAFETY OF THE U.S. FOOD SUPPLY: CONTINUING CONCERNS OVER THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S FOOD- RECALL PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Safety of the U.S. Food Supply: Continuing Concerns Over the Food and Drug Administration’s Food-Recall Process”. Testimony was heard from Gloria Jarmon, Deputy Inspector General of Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Douglas Stearn, Director, Office of Enforcement and Import Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration.

LEGISLATION ADDRESSING LNG EXPORTS AND PURPA MODERNIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Legislation Addressing LNG Exports and PURPA Modernization”. Testimony was heard from Steven Winberg, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; James Danly, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Travis Kavulla, Vice Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission; and public witnesses.

DEFICIENCIES IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR OFFSHORE SEISMIC RESEARCH

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Deficiencies in the Permitting Process for Offshore Seismic Research”. Testimony was heard from Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Tom Davis, Senator, District 46, South Carolina; Jon Ludwigson, Acting Director, Government Accountability Office, Denver, Colorado; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of January 22 through January 26, 2018

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: January 23, to receive a closed briefing on the Nuclear Posture Review, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

January 23, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold closed hearings to examine cyber warfighting policy, 3:30 p.m., SVC–217.

January 24, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on global nuclear developments, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

January 24, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine officer personnel management and the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act of 1980, 3 p.m., SR–222.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global challenges and United States national security strategy, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors, and to be a Member of the Board of

Directors, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Marvin Goodfriend, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Thomas E. Workman, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, 10 a.m., SD-538.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States reform, focusing on Administration perspectives on the essential elements, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: January 24, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 23, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation security, focusing on addressing current and emerging threats, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Wireless Emergency Alert system, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 23, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the performance of the electric power system in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic during recent winter weather events, including the bomb cyclone, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 23, to hold hearings to examine facing 21st century public health threats, focusing on our Nation's preparedness and response capabilities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on access and innovation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Frank T. Brogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 25, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine combating the opioid crisis, focusing on exploiting vulnerabilities in international mail, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 24, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael B. Brennan, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Daniel Desmond Domenico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 23, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

January 25, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: January 24, to hold hearings to examine turning 65, focusing on navigating critical decisions to age well, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Saturday, January 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Saturday, January 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Saturday: Senate will continue consideration of the McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195, Further Continuing Appropriations Act, with a further amendment.

House Chamber

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